Maine CDC WIC Nutrition Program

Maximum Food Benefits Guidance—FFY15

Participant Category	Default Monthly Food Benefits	Additional Notes
Child (age 12 months through 60 months)	Milk: 13 quarts Cheese: 1 pound Eggs: 1 dozen Peanut Butter or Legumes: 1 jar or 1 lb. dry or 4 cans beans/peas/lentils F/V voucher: \$8 Juice: (2) 64 oz bottles Cereal: 36 oz Whole grains: 2 lb.	 Age 12-23 months: whole milk only 1% or nonfat milk available per nutrition assessment which documents need Age 24-60 months: 1%/nonfat milk only 1 ½% or 2% milk available per nutrition assessment which documents need Cheese maximum: 1 pound per month 1 pound cheese = 3 quarts milk Soy beverage, tofu: per nutrition assessment which documents need 1 quart soy beverage = 1 quart milk 1 pound tofu = 1 quart milk; maximum 4 pounds per month
Pregnant Note: These benefits also issued to breastfeeding women whose baby is receiving up to ½ the formula amount issued to a nonbreastfed baby (infant designated as "Partially Breastfeeding")	Milk: 19 quarts Cheese: 1 pound Eggs: 1 dozen Peanut Butter: 1 jar Legumes: 1 lb. dry or 4 cans beans/peas/lentils F/V voucher: \$10 Juice: (3) 11.5-12 oz. (frozen or shelf stable concentrate) Whole grains: 1 lb. Cereal: 36 oz.	 1%/nonfat milk only 1½% or 2% milk available per nutrition assessment which documents need Cheese maximum: 1 pound per month 1 pound cheese = 3 quarts milk Soy beverage, tofu: available upon request 1 quart soy beverage = 1 quart milk 1 pound tofu = 1 quart milk; maximum 4 pounds per month

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Exclusive Breastfeeding (woman with one infant)	Milk: 21 qts Cheese: 2 lb. Eggs: 2 dozen Peanut butter: 1 jar Legumes: 1 lb. dry or 4 cans beans/peas/lentils Fish: 30 oz. Whole grains: 1 lb. Cereal: 36 oz. F/V voucher: \$10 Juice: (3) 11.5-12 oz. (frozen or shelf stable concentrate)	 Lowfat/skim milk only 1½% or 2% milk available per nutrition assessment which documents need Cheese maximum: 1 pound per month 1 pound cheese = 3 quarts milk Soy beverage, tofu: available upon request 1 quart soy beverage = 1 quart milk 1 pound tofu = 1 quart milk; maximum 4 pounds per month
Non-Breastfeeding Note: These benefits also issued to breastfeeding women whose baby receives more than ½ the formula amount issued to a nonbreastfed baby until the baby's 6 month birthday. After the infant turns 6 months, no food benefits are issued to the breastfeeding woman; however, she remains an active participant for nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals.	Milk: 13 qts Cheese: 1 lb Peanut Butter or Legumes: 1 jar or 1 lb. dry or 4 cans beans/peas/lentils F/V Voucher: \$10 Cereal: 36 oz. Eggs: 1 dozen Juice: (2) 11.5-12 oz. (frozen or shelf stable concentrate)	 Lowfat/skim milk only 1 ½% or 2% milk available per nutrition assessment which documents need Cheese maximum: 1 pound per month 1 pound cheese = 3 quarts milk Soy beverage, tofu: available upon request 1 quart soy beverage = 1 quart milk 1 pound tofu = 1 quart milk; maximum 4 pounds per month

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Fully Breastfed Infant	Birth-6 months: mom's milk 6-12 months: Infant cereal: 24 oz. Infant fruits/vegs: 256 ounces Infant meats: 77.5 ounces	Infants 9-11 months may receive a \$8 cash value voucher for fresh fruits and/or vegetables in lieu of 128 ounces infant fruits and/or vegetables Infants 9-11 months may receive a \$4 cash value
Partially Breastfed Infant Note: Formula issued to partially breastfed infants must be tailored to the amount needed per day (ounces per day X 31 days = total ounces per month; total for month ÷ reconstituted ounces per can = total number of cans per month)	 Birth-1 month: 1 can powdered formula 1-3 months: 435 reconstituted oz powdered formula ★ or 14 cans concentrate or 12 cans ready to feed 4-5 months: 522 reconstituted oz powdered formula ★ or 17 cans concentrate or 14 cans ready to feed 6-12 months: 384 reconstituted oz powdered formula ★ or 12 cans concentrate or 12 cans concentrate or 10 cans ready to feed Infant cereal: 24 oz Infant fruits/vegs: 128 ounces 	 Inlants 9-11 months may receive a \$4 cash value voucher for fresh fruits and/or vegetables in lieu of 64 ounces infant fruits and/or vegetables Infants age 6-12 months with medical documentation that they are unable to consume solid foods may be issued the 4-5 month amount of formula Ready to feed formula may be issued if the counselor assesses: The water supply is unsafe The parent is unable to mix the formula according to standard mixing instructions The formula only comes in ready to feed Infants who need a medical formula as prescribed by a health care provider may receive ready to feed if: That form of the formula better accommodates the infant's medical condition or That form of the formula improves the infant's compliance in consuming the prescribed amount of formula

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Note: These benefits also issued to babies who receive more than ½ the full formula amount provided to nonbreastfed infants. Formula issued to these babies, designated as "Some Breastfeeding", must be tailored to meet actual needs, using same calculation method as for Partially Breastfed Infants.	 Birth-3 months: 870 reconstituted oz powdered formula * or 31 cans concentrate or 26 cans ready to feed 4-5 months: 960 reconstituted oz powdered formula * or 34 cans concentrate or 28 cans ready to feed 6-12 months: 696 reconstituted oz powdered formula * or 24 cans concentrate or 20 cans ready to feed Infant cereal: 24 oz Infant fruits/vegs: 128 ounces 	 Infants 9-11 months may receive a \$4 cash value voucher for fresh fruits and/or vegetables in lieu of 64 ounces infant fruits and/or vegetables Infants age 6-12 months with medical documentation that they are unable to consume solid foods may be issued the 4-5 month amount of formula Ready to feed formula may be issued if the counselor assesses: The water supply is unsafe The parent is unable to mix the formula according to standard mixing instructions The formula only comes in ready to feed Infants who need a medical formula as prescribed by a health care provider may receive ready to feed if: That form of the formula better accommodates the infant's medical condition or That form of the formula improves the infant's compliance in consuming the prescribed amount of formula

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